

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1035

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Encore Theatrical Company.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those Tennessee ensembles that epitomize hard work and dedication and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such group of young people is Encore Theatrical Company, which was recently recognized with the Excellence in Music award at the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a phenomenal troupe made up of seventeen Morristown-area middle and high school performers, the Encore Theatrical Company wowed the panel of musical theater experts with its fifteen-minute performance taken from the Broadway show *Children of Eden Jr.*; and

WHEREAS, despite having to pull together intense material in a relatively short amount of time, the student performers came together for an exceptional execution of their theatrical piece and proved themselves standouts from among approximately 5,000 of their peers in attendance at the festival; and

WHEREAS, the troupe benefited immeasurably from the devotion and expertise of Executive Director Dennis Elkins, an acclaimed performer in his own right with decades of theater experience, as well as Peyton Bennett, music director; James Templin, choreographer; and Toni Jill Cox, stage manager; and

WHEREAS, the student performers and the sponsors of the Encore Theatrical Company devoted their time, talent, and passion to this theatre season, and they are most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate award-winning Encore Theatrical Company on an outstanding performance at the Junior Theater Festival, extending our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.